

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS COUNCIL OF CLARK COUNTY

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 14, 2005 MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Doug Ballou at 7 p.m. Introductions were made and the following were in attendance: Bud Van Cleve, NE Hazel Dell; Jock Demme, Friends of Salmon Creek; Holly Gaya, Clark County Neighborhood Outreach; Doug Ballou, Chairman; Susan Gilbert, Enterprise/Paradise Point; Dick Durland, Sherwood Hills; Milada Allen, Felida; Robyn Kim, Greater Brush Prairie; Ila Stanek, W. Hazel Dell; Bridget Schwarz, Fairgrounds.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The West Precinct's regular February meeting was cancelled and re-scheduled for March 10. There will be a taser demonstration.

Tony Bacon of Daily Insider has offered his electronic daily newsletter to all neighborhood leaders, board members and senior citizens free of charge. Contact him at tonybdailyinsider@comcast.net.

There are two commission openings: Clean Water Commission and Solid Waste Advisory Commission. If you are interested, contact the Commissioners office for application materials.

Erin Nolan received NACCC's "Outstanding County Employee" award for the past year. It was presented at the State of the County address and is the first of what we hope will be an annual presentation to recognize those county employees who go the extra mile.

The "Building Partnerships with Neighborhood Associations" workshop was well attended and declared a resounding success. Bob Farrell of Farrell's Ice Cream made an outstanding presentation.

PacifiCorp will be doing some major tree trimming and removal throughout several Clark County neighborhoods along the right of way of an existing transmission line. Neighborhood meetings will be setup so that property owners and citizens can express their concerns and ask questions about the planned work.

Holly announced that invitations will be going out for the dedication of the new exhibition center at the fairgrounds. It will be March 16 from 3-7 p.m.

She also announced two new neighborhood associations starting up: North Salmon Creek and Minnehaha.

There will be an Environmental Justice conference on February 28 at WSUV. The cost is \$10.

The ad put in the Columbian announcing an open house for the proposed CRC methadone clinic was asked to be pulled but the Columbian printed it anyway.

Doug, Bud and Milada will meet with Tom Hagley of the Vancouver School District to discuss how we can get youth more involved with their community through the neighborhood associations. Bruce Anderson and Lee Valenta of "Community Activators"

will also participate in the meeting. This discussion will tie in with ongoing community service projects in the school systems.

The February 3rd neighborhood meeting concerning the proposed methadone clinic in Salmon Creek became out of control and emotional. All permits have not been secured by the company running the clinic nor has the public meeting process been adequately addressed. The next meeting is February 16 at 7 p.m. at Gaiser Middle School.

DENNIS FERNALD, POSTAL INSPECTOR, U.S. POSTAL INSPECTION SERVICE

Mr. Fernald was our featured speaker for the evening and gave us information on the workings of the US Postal Inspection Service. They have 7 inspectors working four NW states. Some of the crimes they handle are mail theft, child pornography through the mail, narcotics through the mail and I.D. theft.

He said that Clark County had the worst mail theft problem in three states. He said that mail theft in Washington was a misdemeanor if the mail stolen has not been opened. If opened, it then becomes a federal offense.

He stated that the most popular targets are centralized locked mail boxes and there are 6,000 of them in Clark County.

He is meeting with the U.S. Attorney's office in Seattle and Tacoma to heighten the rate of prosecution in Southwest Washington.

His tips for the public are:

1. If your mail has been stolen, contact the Postal Inspection Service, Seattle, at 206-442-6300
2. Be conscious of people going up and down your road and take notes to provide intelligence to the inspection service.
3. Don't put any outgoing mail in your private mail box.
4. Pick up your mail quickly.
5. Call 1-888-5 OPT OUT to reduce solicitation for new credit cards.

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Bridget Schwarz, Fairgrounds: She announced that there are 12 appeals of the GMA that are before the County Commissioners. It was decided that we would wait to see what was settled and what would go to the hearings board and make a decision as to whether to become involved. A discussion was held about having someone give a presentation to NACCC on those decisions not going to the hearings board but that we would not hear about site specific appeals.

Susan Gilbert, Enterprise/Paradise Point: She announced that the Stand Up Citizens for Clark County group was holding a public meeting on February 17 at La Center High School Commons on the proposed Cowlitz/Mohegan casino development. She will be giving a short presentation on the environmental effects on lands surrounding the development site.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Gilbert, Secretary

Reviewed and approved by Doug Ballou, 2/17/05.